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FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, XM

SUBJECT: CALL ON PRESIDENT VELASCO

REF: LIMA 3083

1. FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR HAS JUST PHONED TO SAY PRESIDENT VELASCO WILL RECEIVE YOU WEDNESDAY A. M. AT CHACLACAYO. OBVIOUSLY THERE IS NO WAY OF AVOIDING THIS CALL EVEN THOUGH IT KNOCKS HOLES IN WHAT OTHERWISE SEEMED A WELL- PACED SCHEDULE.

2. MOTIVES FOR THIS DECISION COULD WELL BE INTERPRETED AS BYZANTINE BUT ON BALANCE I BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONSIDER POSITIVE THE FACT YOU WILL BE FIRST FOREIGN DIGNITARY RECEIVED BY VELASCO SINCE HIS OPERATIONS.

3. DE LA FLOR SAID VELASCO PROBABLY WILL RECEIVE YOU IN WHEELCHAIR SINCE HE IS STILL PRACTICING WITH HIS NEW LEG. NO PUBLICITY WILL BE GIVEN YOUR VISIT TO CHACLACAYO IN ADVANCE BUT SINCE THERE IS A " PRESS WATCH" AT HIS HOUSE THERE WILL BE PUBLICITY AFTER THE FACT.

4. YOUR SCHEDULE MUST BE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

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5. DEPART RESIDENCE 0930 ( OR EARLIER IF POSSIBLE) FOR FOREIGN OFFICE. CONFER THERE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 10:15 OR 10:30 , AT WHICH TIME, WITH MOTORCYCLE ESCORT, DEPART ON HALF- HOUR TRIP TO PRESIDENT' S HOME. DE LA FLOR SUGGESTS MEETING WITH VELASCO FOR APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES AFTER WHICH YOU WOULD RETURN TO RESIDENCE FOR END OF MEETING WITH U. S. BUSINESSMEN WHICH WOULD HAVE STARTED AT 10:30. SINCE THERE IS NO OTHER TIME FOR YOU TO SEE BUSINESSMEN, ONLY SOLUTION I SEE IS FOR CASEY AND SZABO TO START MEETING AS SCHEDULED, LEAVING KUBISCH, PEDERSEN AND LITTLE TO MEET WITH COAP CHIEF, GENERAL GRAHAM, AT SAME HOUR.

6. DE LA FLOR SUGGESTS THAT ONLY YOU AND I FROM U. S. SIDE ACCOMPANY HIM TO SEE PRESIDENT. I WOULD INTERPRET.

7. I WILL FOLLOW THIS TOMORROW A. M. WITH DETAILS OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRIP. IN THIS REGARD, I SHALL BE SEEING DE LA FLOR TONIGHT AT PARAGUAY RECEPTION WHERE WE WILL DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR CALL IN MORE DETAIL.  
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